

FAREWELL PARTY.

MR. AND MRS. J. J. WOODS

Last Saturday afternoon about 130 relatives, friends and employees gathered in the Church of England Social Hall, Lackey Street, Fairfield, to wish bon voyage to Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Woods, of 28 York Street, and Mrs. Annie Woods, of Guildford, on the eve of their departure for Ireland on a pleasure trip, and to attend the 12th July celebrations.

Mr. J. J. Woods is managing director of the well-known Fairfield firm of general carriers, and Mrs. Annie Woods (his sister-in-law) is the widow of Mr. Harry Woods, who founded the softgoods business now known as Dawson's.

The gathering included Mr. Aubrey Downer, Grand Secretary of L.O.L. of N.S.W., accompanied by Mrs. Downer. Mr. J. J. Woods is a P.G.M. of the Institution, having held office for four terms.

Four generations of the family were present and every member who attended spoke very eloquently of the influence of the home life of this very estimable couple.

Mr. Keith Goodacre was a capable chairman. Mr. Bill Slender, on behalf of the family, presented Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Woods with a wallet of notes; and Mr. Harry Stephens, on behalf of the employees, a travelling rug.

Mr. Woods very feelingly responded, thanking all the members of his family for the thoughtful gesture and presentation. He said the gift from the employees touched him most of all, as in these days, when the employer was expected, as a matter of course, to do all the giving, it was most refreshing to find such a spirit of goodwill between employees and employer.

A gift of a handbag was made to Mrs. Annie Woods, with hearty good wishes from all.

Mr. Gian Martyn provided excellent music throughout the afternoon, and dancing was enjoyed. Great credit is due to Miss Dot Goodacre, who excellently organised this happy function.

The travellers leave next Friday on the Georgic, and expect to be away for about five months.